



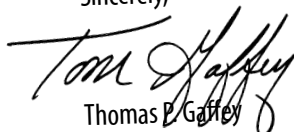
Dear Neighbor,

Jobs. Keeping jobs and creating more and better jobs. That is the most important issue facing our state today.

That is why the Senate Democrats and I are focusing our energies in this short session on Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century. Over the past few months we have been hosting forums and meeting with all facets of the business, agricultural, technology and other sectors of our economy to craft an economic development plan for Connecticut's future.

That plan has four main components which we believe will lead to better fiscal health for all of Connecticut's residents. Included in this mailer is a brief overview of our plan. If you would like more detailed information, it is available on my Web site. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,


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CONNECTICUT JOBS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Broadening Prosperity for Connecticut Citizens

With innovation and imagination, state government is taking bold steps to help residents achieve and succeed in the 21st Century. Our plan involves comprehensive initiatives, including offering incentives to companies that provide wellness programs, expanding access to wireless Internet service, encouraging investment in small and micro-businesses as well as promoting agricultural research and innovation.



Unlocking the Gridlock: A Transportation Policy for All of Connecticut

Now is the time to fully and forcefully attack the transportation problems that threaten the economic future of Connecticut with initiatives that reach all four corners of the state. Our plan places renewed emphasis on mass transit, including commuter lines from New Haven to Hartford and

Springfield, improved connections to Bradley International Airport and the establishment of transportation hubs that integrate rail and bus options. To help fund these expanded initiatives we will examine the utilization of an EZ-Pass style of toll system on our major interstates near our borders. Additionally, we will increase incentives to move freight by rail and better utilize deep-water ports.



Making Connecticut Competitive in Retaining and Creating Jobs

State government will be both a partner and a catalyst for employment opportunities and improving the overall business climate. A centerpiece of our plan is to phase-out property taxes on manufacturing equipment to help businesses become more competitive and

efficient. Additionally, we will streamline state agencies involved in economic development and in important sectors like banking and insurance. We will also adopt initiatives to encourage a greater collaboration between business and state universities to keep our best-trained residents in state. We will work to ensure more high school and college students study advanced levels of math and sciences that are so crucial to a prepared workforce in today's high-tech economy. And, we will propose legislation providing opportunities for more students to become better prepared by enabling them to take college level courses in their senior year of high school.



Working Toward Energy Independence

State government will do all it can to encourage emerging technologies and the use of renewable energy. Our plan includes initiatives that create innovative loan programs to help businesses and local governments finance energy efficient and renewable energy systems. We will also work to provide a "Green

Building" tax credit to businesses for energy-efficient facilities. We will promote cleaner transportation solutions by encouraging fuel cell buses and alternative-fuel vehicles.